

DATA-DRIVEN MODELING UNDER UNCERTAINTY: ACHIEVING A SUSTAINABLE RESILIENCE FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURES AND COMMUNITIES

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The protection of critical infrastructures and communities has recently garnered attention with an emphasis on analyzing the risk, improving the resilience, and planning for the sustainability of such networks. Critical infrastructures constitute a wide range of interdependent systems such as transportation, communications, water, and energy, among others. These systems are essential to our economy and society, however, they frequently face disruptive events resulting from natural hazards, accidents, or man-made attacks, leading to cascading failures across other infrastructures and the communities that rely on them. In addition, infrastructure systems are expected to reduce impact on human health and the environment while meeting the current demand without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. As a result, infrastructure resource allocation should address the short-term goals of resilience to disruptions and consider long-term planning for sustainability. Challenges exist in developing the necessary methodologies that (i) bridge between data and decisions, (ii) account for uncertainty, and (iii) incorporate social aspects. This talk will provide examples of such methodologies including predictive analytics, network modeling, and decision analysis. Case studies to illustrate these methods will range from urban and smart cities to rural and developing communities.

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